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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the enclosed above-titled International patent application as follows.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 4, 5, 8-11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20-26, 28, 29, 33, 36, 39, 42, 50, 53, 55, 57, 58, 62, 65-67, 69-72, 77 and 78 as follows:

4. (Amended) A waveguide as claimed in claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises silicon and/or silica and/or sapphire.